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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hien Duc Ma : Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: To Be Assigned :

: Examiner:

Filed: Herewith

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PROVIDING PREPAID MUSIC

CARD FOR DECIPHERING RECORDED

**BROADCAST AUDIO SIGNALS** 

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby transmit copies of the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

As indicated, all documents are in English and therefore, no statement of relevance is required. Also, since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed along with a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) and prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is required.

The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

Submission of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission by the Applicants as to the materiality of the attached documents to the application, nor do the Applicants waive any right to challenge the validity of the documents as prior art should such action be deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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